

# ST MARY'S C OF E (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

'A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum'

## NEWSLETTER

Week beginning 2nd June 2025

### Message from Mrs Copus

What a wet week it has been but it hasn't stopped visitors coming in, Forest Schools happening and the residential taking place for Y6 children. A fantastic first week back and we are hoping for some nicer weather for next week.



### Church Links



Fish 950: Chichester Cathedral project

2025 marks the 950th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Chichester and Chichester Cathedral. To celebrate, the children in South Africa and Japan have contributed to 'Fish950' – a joint schools' art project involving Year 6 pupils from across the diocese. The theme of fish was chosen based on the work of St Wilfrid, who founded a monastery in Selsey in 681 and helped the people that lived there learn to fish. Each child has decorated a fish which will be displayed together in a magnificent sea of artwork in the Cathedral nave this summer.



We look forward to seeing the children's beautiful pieces in what promises to be a stunning collaborative display when the art installation opens on Monday 23rd June

**Reflection** - Thank you to Mrs Smith for this week's reflection -  
Friendship





# Learning



Thailand Celebration Assembly

## Thailand Class

Well done to Thailand on their celebration assembly. They were able to talk about their measuring in maths, their colour mixing in art, their drawing club books and show their creative writing. They were proud of themselves and rightly so!

## Drama 4 All

We were thrilled to welcome David from Perform for some fantastic drama sessions with our Early Years and KS1 children.

The children loved exploring their imaginations, building confidence and having lots of fun through drama and role play. A big thank you to David for bringing such energy and creativity to the day!



## UK Class

UK class have been using their observational skills to look at the wild poppies that have grown in the grounds. They looked closely and made some observational drawings.





# Learning



## Forest School UK Class

UK Class didn't let the weather stop them having a great time at Forest School today - they made some Spring flower crowns and cooked doughnuts over the campfire

## NZ Class

New Zealand Class enjoyed their first session of the year at Forest School and learnt about Douglas fir trees including a story about mice who use their pine cones!



## Year 6 Residential

What a week Y6 has had! There has been sunshine and rain but the rain has not stopped any of the fun. The children have had opportunities to do aeroball, archery tag, giant swing, climbing, buggy build, challenge course, Jacob's Ladder, zip wire, giant paddleboard, abseiling, leap of faith and fencing. A huge thank you to the staff that have looked after the children so well this week to enable them to learn and flourish.





# Sport



## Sports Leaders

Mr Meaney from The Weald School has been in this week to start training up Y5 to be our 'Sports Leaders'



# News

## Staffing

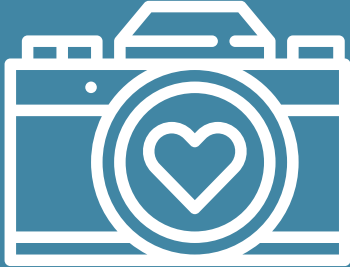
As we are now in the final half term we are beginning to think about the children moving on. In September the classes will be:



UK – Mrs Huntley Hart  
Thailand – Mrs Gowland and Mrs Martin-Wells  
Italy – Miss Heasman  
India – Miss Sleat  
New Zealand – Mrs McTiffen and Mrs McKonochie  
Sierra Leone – Miss Taylor  
USA – Mrs Farrant  
Mexico – Mr Coomber  
China – Miss Aburrow  
Japan – Miss Callender  
South Africa – Miss Turner



# News



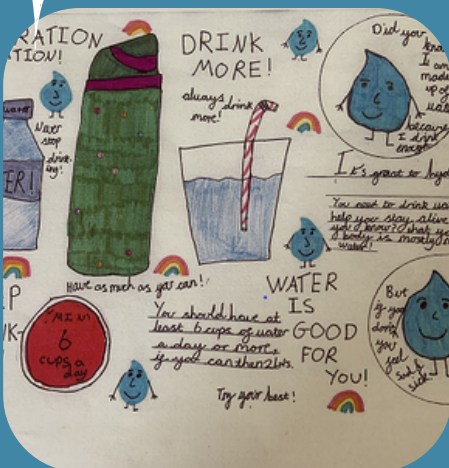
## Class Photos

Class photo's are on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – ALL children will need to wear full school uniform and school shoes – no leaver's hoodies please. Children in Year 5 and 6 should bring their PE kit into school separately so they can change for their lesson.

## Wellbeing Warriors

This week in assembly we launched our 'Wellbeing Warriors' scheme.

This links with our value of 'Friendship' and Mrs Smith, our Learning Mentor, introduced the scheme and how it would work out on the playgrounds. We know our 'Wellbeing Warriors' will do a fantastic job.



## Competition Winner!

Congratulations to Zara B (SL) who has been chosen as the winner of the Hydration Awareness Art Competition at The Anchorage Care Home.

Zara's artwork was not only beautifully created, but her message about the importance of hydration was absolutely spot on. Her creativity and thoughtful approach truly stood out.



## ✦ Things to know... ✦



### Class Celebrations

12<sup>th</sup> June – USA 19<sup>th</sup> June – Mexico  
25<sup>th</sup> June – NZ 26<sup>th</sup> June – India  
3<sup>rd</sup> July – Italy 10<sup>th</sup> July – UK  
22<sup>nd</sup> July – Japan and SA Leavers Assembly – 9.30am –  
2 seats per family (no more due to space)

### Meal Ordering

Please could we ask that when ordering your child's meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

#### June cut off dates

**Thurs 12/6 for w/c 23/6**

**Thurs 19/6 for w/c 30/6**

### Dates for your diary



9<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics screening Y1  
14<sup>th</sup> June – PTA Summer Fayre and Colour Run  
16<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day – AM Italy/India and PM UK/Thai  
18<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day – Y3/4 AM and Y5/6 PM  
20<sup>th</sup> June – School reports for NZ class come home  
30<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Leavers Service at Christ's Hospital  
1<sup>st</sup> July – Parents Evening  
3<sup>rd</sup> July – Parents Evening  
7<sup>th</sup> July – Class letters come home  
15<sup>th</sup> July – Production – Treasure Island 1.00pm and 6pm  
17<sup>th</sup> July – Production – Treasure Island 6pm  
18<sup>th</sup> July – Production – Treasure Island 6pm  
19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Prom  
22<sup>nd</sup> July – 9.30am Final Assembly for Y6  
(2 seats available per child)



# Celebrations



## Vine Leaves

**Macie (NZ) - Friendship** - for always looking out for her friend and giving her a confidence boost when needed. **Aria (Thai) - Friendship** - for being such a good friend and setting a good example to others. **Albert (Thai) - Perseverance** - for trying so hard with his learning. **Andrew (SL) - Compassion** - for taking care of different children this week who felt sad. **Lewis (Ita) - Compassion, Wisdom and Friendship** - for coming up with some insightful responses in worship when talking about friendship! **Rowan (Ita) - Friendship** - for being a kind friend during a Midday Mindfulness session. **Charlie S, Ross and Arlo (China) and Milo, Isobel and Charlie H (Mexico) - Service** - for both singing and behaving beautifully in our first Big Top sing through! **Charlie S, Anthony, Emily, Lincoln and Poppy (Chi) - Friendship** - for being a 'fantastic friend' once or more this week.

## Kindness Shield

**June** - Well done to Isobel H (Mex) - you are such a kind-hearted and generous girl. Always willing to help others in lessons and offer support and compassion to those in need. Your smile and kindness towards others brings a ray of sunshine to Mexico class even on a cloudy day. Thank you for being you Isobel!





# Celebrations

## Achievements



Flora B (USA) - for climbing Ben Nevis last week with her dad & sister and completing the Three Peaks Challenge at just 9 years old!



## Help the Friends of St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary school PTA for FREE!



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Download the  
Easyfundraising app onto  
your phone

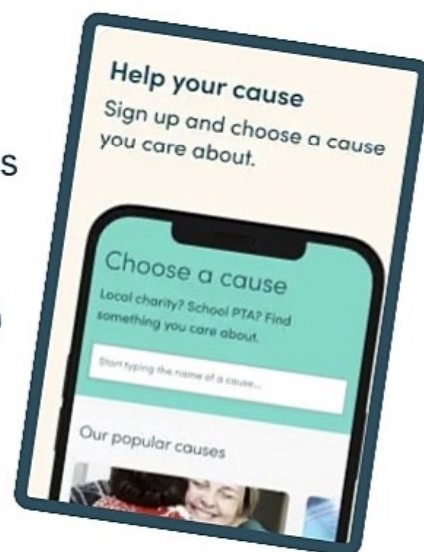
2

Sign up and select Friends of St Mary's C  
of E (Aided) Primary School (Pulborough) as  
your cause



3

We get a £2 bonus each  
time this happens before  
30<sup>th</sup> June



4

Enable the Donation Reminder on the app and get reminders  
on your browser while you shop

# You shop, brands donate

It won't cost you any extra!



Free donations for Friends of St Mary's from 8,000+ retailers

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**JOHN  
LEWIS**

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THE WEALD SCHOOL PRESENTS

# WEALD *Summer* FEST

Saturday 19 July

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

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Music

Dog  
Show

Falconry  
Show

Inflatables

Food  
&  
Drink  
stalls

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# Art Camp



Does your child enjoy creating art? Enrol them in our exciting 2-day Art Camp! During this session, they'll be making their own fabric using printing techniques and turning it into their very own pencil case. It's a great chance for them to get creative, try something different, and make new friends along the way!

Sign up now - Email [harrietr@live.co.uk](mailto:harrietr@live.co.uk) - Deadline 7<sup>th</sup> July

Age group: 8-13

Time: July 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>  
and August 18-19<sup>th</sup>  
9am - 4pm

Place: Thakeham Primary School  
Rock Rd, Storrington, Pulborough RH20 3AA

Cost: £80 per child (limited spaces available)  
Please bring your own food and drinks  
DBS certified





**RECEPTION  
TO YEAR 6**



**£30.80 -  
8AM-5PM  
£34.10 -  
8AM-6PM**



**EVERY THURSDAY THROUGHOUT  
SUMMER**



# **HOLIDAY CLUB**



**24<sup>TH</sup> JULY - BRING YOUR OWN  
SCOOTER OR BIKE (HELMETS  
MUST BE PROVIDED)**

**31<sup>ST</sup> JULY - SLIME  
SPECTACULAR**

**7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - MASTERCHEF DAY**

**14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - DESIGN IT AND  
BUILD**

**21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST - ENCHANTED  
FOREST**

**28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - MINI OLYMPICS**

**WAKOOS CENTRE4CHILDREN,  
SOUTH GROVE ROAD, PETWORTH,  
GU28 0EE**



TRY A FULL  
CLASS FOR  
**FREE**

Well, **THAT WAS FUN!**

We loved introducing your child to the  
confidence building world of Perform today.  
And guess what, it's just the beginning...



# Play is a **POWERFUL THING**

Perform classes help boost children's **confidence, concentration, coordination** and **communication** skills, as well as being lots of fun.

Our expertly designed drama, dance and singing sessions for 4-7s and 7-12s are run by experienced teachers, hand-picked for their warmth and approachability.

They'll be with your child every step of the way – inspiring and encouraging them to develop vital life skills as they discover the joy of performing.

**“We couldn't be happier with William's Perform experience. We signed up to boost his confidence and it's making a wonderful difference.”** - Samantha Nye

## What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

Try a **FREE CLASS** at your nearest venue

### Perform Fittleworth

Mondays at 3.45pm (4-7s), 4.45pm (7-12s). Fittleworth Village Hall, School Lane, RH20 1JB

### Perform Storrington

Tuesdays at 4pm (4-7s), 5.05pm (7-12s). Storrington Village Hall, 59 West Street, RH20 4DZ

### Perform Horsham

Tuesdays at 4pm (4-7s), 5.05pm (7-12s). Brighton Road Baptist Church, Brighton Road, RH13 5BD

**Until 24 Jul, new joiners can use **WSZS240725** for a £40 introductory discount.**

## Ready to try for free?

Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Classes take place all over, have a look online or call us:

**[perform.org.uk/try](https://perform.org.uk/try)**  
**020 7255 9120**

